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A Letter from your Pastor

Dear friends in the Lord,

Sunday, March 4, my pastor brother Tim and I each preached a homily at Christ the Life Lutheran Church in San Jose, CA, while our father officiated and led the liturgy. This is the church where my father, age 80, is serving half-time during his "retirement." My sermon was on the Epistle that day, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. This passage speaks about the foolishness of the world's wisdom in contrast to the wisdom of the cross -- which sadly, many in the world consider foolishness. *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God"* (1 Corinthians 1:18).

This year Easter Sunday is on April Fool's Day. This is a great opportunity to tell the world of the foolishness of those who thought that they could keep God trapped inside a tomb with a silly slab of stone! What does the Bible call foolish? The Bible tells us that those who deny God's existence are filled with foolishness. *"Only fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God'"* (Psalm 14:1). The Bible tells us that those who do not build their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ are living their lives in foolishness. *"Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash"* (Matthew 7:26-27).

Those who face eternity without faith in Jesus' death and resurrection are living the ultimate folly, denying their eternal destiny. Remember what Jesus said to the two men on the road to Emmaus? *"How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?"* (Luke 24:25-26)

There is a silly "4D" show at Disney's studios titled "Muppet Vision." During the preshow someone tells Fozzie Bear, "Will you please stop this foolishness!" Fozzie replies, "What kind of foolishness would you like to see?" God tells us what kind of "foolishness" He'd like to see – more people believing in the reality that Jesus Christ, God's own Son, died and rose for all the foolish things we have done. May we join Paul and the early Christians in proclaiming, *"We are fools for Christ!"* (1 Corinthians 4:10)



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Our Mission is:

- To Know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord,
- To Grow in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and
- To Go share His Gospel with love in our community and world.

Worship Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

April



WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, April 15

Holy Communion

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 22

Youth Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 29

Holy Communion



Special Thanks to
all who helped
with the stripping
and re-waxing of
the fellowship hall
floor. Board of
Trustees



Our Spring Clean
up will be April 21.
We appreciate all
who are able to
come and help out.
Board of Trustees



Evangelism

Mission Sunday, April 8

Rev. Steve Cohen will be our guest speaker and Adult Bible class leader.

Rev. Steve Cohen, founder of the Apple of His Eye Mission Society, has been a missionary to the Jewish people since 1976. He came to faith in 1973. He is a LCMS missionary and plans to go to Israel soon.



The Sunday morning service will be telling us the real meaning of the items in the seder meal and he will share his interesting life story in Bible class.

Mr. Cohen has a very interesting and exciting life story to share with us. Several of us heard him at the LWML convention last June and wanted to hear more of his life.

Church Photo Directory



Family Photo Directory— October 2018*

Lifetouch will take photos of members and provide each family with a directory. There will be no charge to us and everyone who has a photo will receive an 8 X 10 photo and have an opportunity to purchase more.

*October 3-6, 2018. Watch for sign-up sheets.

The Board of Evangelism is once again looking to send workers to Camp Okoboji for their spring work weekend (May 4-5). If you are interested in joining us there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Meals and lodging are provided by the camp. Seated jobs are also available. So why not come and join your fellow Saint Paul family to get the camp ready for the season and enjoy some fellowship.



*** If anyone would like to go on a mission trip this year, see one of the Evangelism board members for details of funds available for this.**



Come have EASTER BREAKFAST with us!!! Everyone is invited to come for Breakfast immediately following our Sunrise service on Easter Sunday. Breakfast is planned by the Women of St. Paul, and many members of St. Paul work hard to prepare and serve it.

No reservations required, come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and the Easter fellowship with family and friends. This year's freewill offering will benefit our youth and their plans to attend their summer gathering in Minneapolis in 2019.

Thanks to all the MANY hands that helped make it possible with a special thanks to Ellen Sander and the family service ladies.



Family Life

Let's get **COLORful!**

Attention all congregational members! Mark your calendars now and prepare to join us for **COLOR WARS** on Sunday, June 3rd!

Members of the high school youth will be putting their teams together shortly, but this will be a full congregational outing for everyone who would like to come. Complete with Colorful competition, games and activities for the younger youth, games and activities for the older youth and adults, and food! (cookout along with potluck) More information will be in the May Epistle.

But, I need help! I need at least 100 pounds of corn starch! Yes, at least 100 pounds! So, I need some donations of any size of corn starch members are willing to help with! Donations can be dropped off in my office! If you have questions please feel free to contact me: Thomas Wilson at familylife@saintpaulames.org



Family Life

April Showers Bring May Flowers

My grandmother loved spring, and I have fond memories of her repeating the phrase “April showers bring May flowers” as if she was about to break into song. My grandmother, and grandfather for that matter, were gardeners. They planted a huge garden in the back yard of not just their house, but also the neighbor’s yard. Grandma had a very large flower garden with multiple layers. They spent hours each day preparing and weeding, loving and nurturing each plant or flower. Most of the vegetables would become their food for the year, while the flowers helped keep the cheer in the family and friends that they shared them with.

When I think of how much time my grandparents put into the garden, and think to the April showers phrase, I think about our faith. The showers are like our baptism, water that we allow to flow over us to give us the nutrients to grow in Christ. The flowers that come later is the faith that we continue to add more love and nutrients to.

But what happens when there is a drought? What happens when the nutrients are cut off? Well, for plants and flowers when the rain stops we water them ourselves, or add Miracle-Gro food to them. When the nutrients stop coming we dig them up, we re-plant. How about our faith? When we are on the edge of losing hope in God are we able to find the nutrients we need? God sent us our own “Miracle-Gro”, and he continues to feed us each day. We can also be the water to others when we see that they need some nutrients.

A couple of months ago I wrote about how 50% of confirmed youth leave the church once they graduate from high school, and that it takes a ratio of 5:1 (5 adults for every youth) to help nurture that youth’s faith. These next few months I challenge you to step back and observe if there is anyone in our congregation that needs that nurturing of water and Miracle-Gro. Are there any youth that you see that need a little more? Are there any families that you could help?

The Board of Education and the Board of Youth are two avenues that are always looking for new ideas and individuals who are willing to step up and assist with the Faith Growth of the St. Paul Youth. They are always in need of board members who are willing to give a little portion of their time to help make a difference, in not just one, but MANY youth. Most congregational members think that they do not have enough time, but I would suspect that you might have just 2 hours a month to attend a meeting and help make the decisions that will stick with the youth of St. Paul into their college and early adulthood lives. 2 hours a month can make a HUGE impact on so many lives. Will you answer the call to serve and help pour an abundance of water on our flowers?

Thomas Wilson



Stewardship

"They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness." These words of praise from David in Psalm 145:7 ring so true of members at St. Paul this past month. During our special Time and Talent and Loyalty Sundays, we were reminded of God's ongoing abundant goodness in our lives, and we responded with heartfelt thanks through the



service and offerings we intend to give over the coming year. We have also joyfully been singing of God's righteousness throughout Lent. Through our worship, we know there is only one entrance into Heaven, and that is by believing in God's Son, Jesus, as our Savior.

As God's stewards, all that we do should be for God's glory. Paul reminds us of this in 1 Corinthians 10:31: *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* Paul then continues in verse 33: *"...even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved."* Ultimately, whether we bring food for a church potluck, seat guests as ushers on Sunday morning or serve on a church committee, we do these things to return glory to God in His desire that "all of His children may be saved."

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for your energy, your commitment of time and talent and your financial support as we continue to carry out our congregation's mission statement: "To **know** Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to **grow** in faith through His Sacraments and Word, and to **go** with His love into our community and world."

Human Care

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION — LAYETTE DRIVE

Beginning the week after Easter, the Board of Human Care will be collecting the following items for babies whose moms came to Informed Choice for counseling:

- * Diapers - newborn size
- * Wipes
- * Onesies or sleepers in a neutral color (no pink or blue please!)
- * Receiving blankets or gauze blankets



There will be a display in the narthex where you can place your donated items. Bless you for helping these new moms!

Education and Youth

Confirmand Reception- Please join the Bd. of Ed on May 6th to celebrate and recognize our Confirmands with a reception before adult Bible study. There will be a short presentation and cake before pictures are taken.

Graduation recognition is May 20th. Graduates will be presented their quilts and we will have a reception following the 8:30 service.

Sunday School teacher needed. Please consider this very important job. You do not need any prior experience, just the willingness to share God's love with our youth. Please talk to Cindy Baas or Brenda Dryer if interested.



Important dates:

Confirmation: May 6, 2018 at the 11:00 service

Confirmation Reception: May 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

Graduation Recognition: May 20, 2018

Last day of Sunday School: May 20, 2018

2018 VBS: July 29th - Aug 1st.

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg hunt. Each and every one of you made a valuable contribution!

Board of Education



Education and Youth

Youth Dates to Note:

April 1- Easter with NYG Youth helping with breakfast

April 6-7- Youth Lock-in for grades 5-8

April 14 & 21- (9-11am) Youth practices for Youth Sunday Service in sanctuary

April 22- Youth Sunday Services (both)

LET'S GO TO SUMMER CAMP WITH JESUS AT CAMP OKOBOJI

Although there are all kinds of camps and dates, here are a few:

Kids Kamp June 1-3 (gr K-2). Kids \$85, adults \$120. Campers attend with a parent or caregiver. Great for first-time campers.

Technology Camp [June 10-15](#) (gr 7-12). \$320. Learn how to make your own video games and how to program your own drone!

Girls Sports Camp [June 10-16](#) (gr 4-8). \$350. Professional coaches teach to new skill levels in volleyball, basketball and soccer.

Jr High Week [July 8-14](#) (gr 6-8). \$335. Faith and personal growth enhanced through Bible studies, activities, service projects, games and fun.

Concordia Cub Week [July 15-21](#) (gr 3-6). \$335. This is the core youth program of camp! Cubby Campers engage in Bible studies, games, crafts and so much more.

Sr. High Youth Week [July 22-28](#) (gr 9-12). \$339. High schoolers engage in in-depth Bible studies, group activities, service projects and more.



Don't let the prices keep you from attending this amazing summer opportunity! There are scholarships and funding available from the camp auxiliary (for Cub Week only); the Iowa District West offices; the St. Paul Board of Youth and St. Paul Evangelism Board.

Contact Carla Murphy or the church office for more info.



Save the Dates!

District Jr. Youth Gathering (gr 6-8). **October 27-28** at the Sheraton in West Des Moines. Theme: "Delivered" Bible verse: Titus 3:5. Presenter: Pastor Ben Johnson (Gloria Dei, Urbandale)

District Sr. Youth Gathering (gr 9-12). **November 9-11** at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. Theme: "Whatever" Bible verse: Phillippians 4:8-9. Presenter: Tanner Olson.

Education & Youth

Get Discounted Adventureland Tickets

"Share the Fun" of Adventureland during Substance Free Weekends April 28-29 and May 5-6. Discounted tickets are \$25 per person (\$20 off regular admission) and are good for one of the four days. Children ages 3 and under are free.

This special price is available to St. Paul Church and Preschool families and friends.

To reserve your tickets, contact Carla Murphy, the church office or see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Youth Needed for Youth Sunday

We invite all youth grades 3-12 to participate in Youth Sunday on **April 22 at BOTH services**. This is the time where youth do all the service. We need youth to create bulletin covers, greet at the doors, serve as ushers, play in the youth ensemble, sing, read, give the children's message and be in a skit! **Practices will be April 14 & 21 from 9-11 am.** If interested in playing in the music ensemble, please contact Wayne Hagemoser, otherwise look for more info out soon.

Find the Oar!

Can you believe that it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School??? Well, it is! The Board of Education is gearing up for the adventure of "Splash Canyon" this year.

Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At Splash Canyon, kids will discover that when life's ride gets wild, Jesus is by our side. We can rely on God's promise to us in Jesus!

To help kick off the anticipation of our 2018 VBS (July 29th – August 1st) we are holding a "competition" of sorts. During the months of May and June we will be "hiding" the mystery oar (pictured). Any youth, from 3-year-old to 6th grade, who will be attending this year's VBS, can enter each week to win a VBS T-shirt! How? Spot the Oar, go to the table in the narthex, fill out a slip and place it in the box. You can enter EACH week in May and June! Winners will be drawn at the beginning of July, and the families will be notified so we can get the correct size of shirt!

Tips: We will be hiding the oar all over the church property: inside, outside, downstairs, upstairs. So make sure to REALLY look!



Women's Ministry

LADIES, you are all invited to our special spring luncheon on Saturday, April 7 at 12:00 pm sponsored by the Board of Women's Ministry. We are privileged to have Nancy Cohen from Apple of His Eye Mission Society share her inspirational message. Hear how she is empowered by the Holy Spirit, and you may be encouraged and equipped to share His message of salvation. Learn how we can be engaged in celebrating God's faithfulness and join Jesus on His mission. "Apple of His Eye" is a recognized service organization of the LCMS. They have been reaching out specifically to Jewish communities in the US and will be the first LCMS team to be allowed in Israel. Nancy has many interesting stories of her mission work in Russia and France.



Our Women in Mission of the LWML Boone Zone will be joining us. Please welcome our sisters in Christ as we all "Serve the Lord with Gladness".

You are welcome to attend the LWML meeting and devotion at 10:30 if you wish, or just the luncheon and Nancy's presentation at noon. RSVP please to the office at 232-5838 for lunch reservation. \$5 to the office or at the door.



SPRINGTIME!! By the time you read this the snow will be gone. April showers bring May flowers to mind. Spring time is filled with hope, happiness and promise. The Board of



Women's Ministry is going to bring some of that to you through our annual plant sale. We are working with Holub's Green House to bring you a wonderful variety of annuals to brighten your yard or patio. Holub's has the best reputation for quality plants. We will have everything from ageratums and alyssum to zinnias. (Celosia, cosmos, dianthus, geraniums, impatiens, lobelia, marigolds, pansies and petunias, snapdragons, viola, and vinca ...just to name a few). There will be many

colors and sizes. We are raising money for scholarships to send women of our congregation to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention in Mobile in June 2019. We will soon be taking orders for full flats or baskets of quality plants. Watch for further announcements. Delivery will be in May, just before Mother's Day. Please consider buying your plants from us this spring and help us and help your garden!



The Women's Bible study group just finished a study on David. We will begin a shorter study on April 9 that will not require as much reading or preparation. All women of the congregation are invited to join us. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:45 pm in the church basement.

Women's Ministry

American Heritage Girls' "Heritage Girls United Giving Service" (HUGS) Duffle Bag Program collects NEW items to fill duffle bags with goodies for children. I am excited to announce an upcoming service project for our troop! AHG troops nationwide participate in filling duffle bags with toys, games, toiletry items, etc., for children and teens being placed in foster care. We are planning on donating a dozen bags filled with items to our local YSS.

The HUGS bags are given to children placed into foster care locally. AHG has provided thousands of bags for foster children across the country! It is exciting that our Troop will be reaching children in our community. We will be stuffing the bags with items on April 2nd's meeting. Thank you!



LWML National 2017–2019 Mission Grant #7 — \$100,000 Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has over 60 years of experience proclaiming the Gospel via mass media in the Middle East. Fortunately, the political climate in Egypt provides a new opportunity to expand ministry in the region. Other parts of the Middle East, however, are experiencing great turmoil with war and, as a result, refugees, mainly women and children, are fleeing to safety. There is urgency to expand their proclamation of the Gospel in these areas, especially refugee camps in Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. LHM will reach families, refugees, and citizens of the region through a new television program broadcast in Cairo, Egypt. This new television broadcast has the potential to reach millions of people throughout the Middle East, refugees and citizens alike, with the message of faith and the true love of Christ and to be a strong Christian voice and witness through Arabic satellite television programming.

Through Lutheran Hour Ministries' television broadcasting in Egypt, families in refugee camps can hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed in the privacy of their own homes. This may be the only opportunity for people to hear about Jesus.



Women's Ministry

LWML Mite Update: as of 2/28/18

2017-2019 National Mission goal: \$2,075,000.00

Amount Received: \$831,334.48

Amount Needed: \$1,243,665.52

We normally collect mites for missions on the 4th Sunday of each month. For more information about LWML go to www.lwml.org.

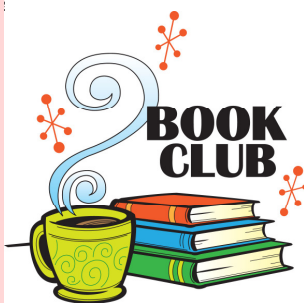
Do you know what is going on in the Iowa West District of the LWML? The LWML IWD eNews is sent to all women of the congregation who have email. If you do not have email, a copy is printed and placed on the LWML bulletin board at the east end of the fellowship hall. You may read it and replace it when you are finished.



FAMILY SERVICE Family Service Quilting group will meet on Thursday April 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a Thrivent Action Team Event. Wear your Thrivent T-Shirts, bring a sack lunch and join us. We will also meet on Thursday April 26th at 10:15 a.m. until noon. After lunch break we will have our Family Service meeting with a devotion, business meeting and dessert. We are still in need of middles for our quilts so we would appreciate donations of gently used sheets, blankets or mattress pads. They may be placed in the quilters basket at the east entrance. Thank you.



“Book to Know to Help You Grow”



Our next Book club meeting is April 12 at 7:00 pm. (This is a change due to our Feb meeting being canceled.) We will discuss “Her Daughter’s Dream” by Francine Rivers. Barnes and Noble says: “In the dramatic conclusion to the *New York Times* best seller *Her Mother’s Hope*, Francine Rivers delivers a rich and deeply moving story about the silent sorrows that can tear a family apart and the grace and forgiveness that can heal even the deepest wounds.

Growing up isn’t easy for little Carolyn Arundel. With her mother, Hildemara, quarantined to her room with tuberculosis, Carolyn forms a special bond with her oma Marta, who moves in to care for the household. But as tensions between Hildie and Marta escalate, Carolyn believes she is to blame. When Hildie returns to work and Marta leaves, Carolyn and her brother grow up as latchkey kids in a world gripped by the fear of the Cold War.” **Everyone is invited to read this book and join us for the discussion.** *Our church library has a copy of this book. The Ames Public Library has 2 printed copies and 4 ebook copies. ****At our April meeting we will be choosing the books for the next year, so bring your suggestions.**

Date	Hostess	Book
Apr 12, 2018, 7 pm	Maureen Friedrich	“Her Daughter’s Dream” by Francine Rivers
Date- TBA	Gretchen Zitterich	“In the Presence of My Enemies” by Gracia Burnham

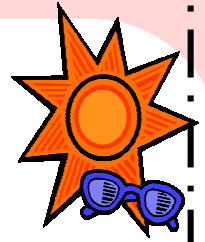
April 2018 Service Roster

	April 1 7:30 Easter	April 1 10:00 Easter	April 8 8:30	April 8 11:00	April 15 8:30	April 15 11:00	April 22 8:30 am	April 22 11:00	April 29 8:30 am	April 29 11:00
Organist	LaDonna Osborn		LaDonna Osborn		Praise Team		Ellen Sander		LaDonna Osborn	
Elders	Chris Hand	Denny Tice	→							
Lectors	Cindy Baas	Nancy Wiebel	Tom Baas	Nancy Wiebel	Cindy Baas	Nancy Wiebel	Tom Baas	Nancy Wiebel	Cindy Baas	Nancy Wiebel
Acolytes	Erin Barnes	Madison Weber			Ally Donavon	Evan Buttery			Dylan Fritz	Jackson Stensland
Greeters	Jerry Schradle, Vic & Geri Schulz	Tanny Latuska, Ryan Latuska	→							
Ushers	Mike West, Kris Ellis, Tanny Latuska, Clare Tweedt	Scott & Brenda Dryer, Thomas & Lisa Wilson	→							
Coffee Fellowship										
Coffee Time Greeter	Gretchen Zitterich	→								
Altar Flowers										
Offering Counters	Matt & Sandra Pflug	→								
Power Point	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mander-nach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mander-nach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mander-nach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mander-nach	Becky Jackson	Stephanie Mander-nach
Sound Board	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mander-nach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mander-nach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mander-nach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mander-nach	Charles Ellis	Jordan Mander-nach
Altar Guild	Connie Buss, Judy Peter	Karen Belz, Geri Schulz	→							
Video Recorder	Steve Wilcken	→								
Collate Bulletins	Al & Tanny Latuska	→								

St. Paul Lutheran 2018 Summer Camps

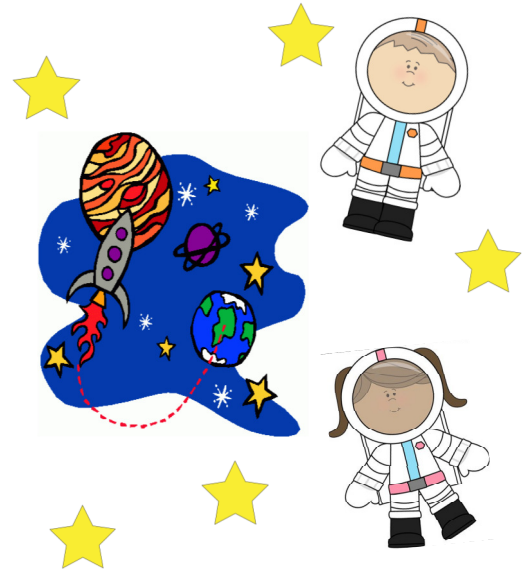
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Come join children ages 3-8 years to create some sensational summer memories at summer Camp



June 11-15 SPACE CAMP

This summer join friends as we blast off into Space Camp! During this outdoor week space explorers will be learning about God's planets, moons, galaxy, and the 7 days of creation. Campers will become astronauts and soar into space in their rocket ships. They will be creating space crafts like telescopes and rockets. Space snacks will be prepared and tasted by the astronauts each morning. Sign-up today because this camp will be out of this world!



July 9-13 INSECT CAMP

Is your child curious about creepy-crawlies? Through a variety of outdoor exciting hands-on activities campers will gain experience learning about God's most abundant creature on earth! Activities will include topics such as: How do you identify an insect? What is the life cycle/metamorphosis of an insect? What tools do you need to go bug hunting and how do you collect them? Campers will see how amazing and valuable God's bugs truly are during this camp week through creative crafts, fun games, interesting stories, and tasty snacks.



Camps cost \$85/week and run Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. A snack is included each day. Make check payable to St. Paul Lutheran Preschool. Questions please call at 233-1914 or e-mail: education@saintpaulames.org

St. Paul Lutheran Preschool is a nonprofit organization and is licensed by the State of Iowa. It is sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran Church to provide service to Ames and surrounding communities. St. Paul Lutheran Preschool and Programs do not discriminate against race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin.

St. Paul Summer Camp

Registration Form



To register your child for summer camp please check off which camp(s) you would like he/she to attend. Bring or mail the registration form and check to: St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, 610 15th Street, Ames, IA 50010

____ Space Camp (June 11-15) (\$85) ____ Insect Camp (July 9-12)(\$85)

Child's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mother's Name _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Allergies: _____ Medications: _____

Additional Information: _____

People to be called in case of an emergency and who are authorized to take your child from camp if neither parent can be reached.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

I hereby authorize St. Paul Lutheran Preschool Programs to call 911 for an ambulance or physician appropriate to the situation in case of an emergency. I further authorize such appropriately qualified medical personnel to administer appropriate treatment for my child.

Signed _____ Date _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Holder's ID _____

Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____